

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

SEAN JEFFREY THOMPSON

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PLAINTIFF

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V.

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CASE NO. WDQ 1:02 CV 1989

DET. STEPHEN MARTIN,  
OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-10, AND  
BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
ET AL.

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DEFENDANTS

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ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF  
DEFENDANT BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Defendant Baltimore Police Department, on behalf of itself and as the employing agency and next friend of the Fictitious Defendants known in the above-captioned matter as "Officers John Doe 1-10" ("Answering Defendants"), by and through undersigned counsel, answer Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial ("Complaint") in like-numbered paragraphs and state their affirmative defenses as follows:

1. To the extent that Plaintiff's statement of this case represents factual allegations couched as legal theories, each factual allegation contained therein is denied and no answer is required as to any legal theory; to the extent that this paragraph represents a prayer for relief, no answer is required.

2. As paragraph 2 is a statement of the jurisdiction of this Court, Answering Defendants are not required to answer the same.
3. At this time, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the Plaintiff's averments that he is an incarcerated prisoner #312-821, currently housed at the Maryland Correctional Institute, Jessup, Maryland.
4. Admitted.
5. Denied.
6. To the extent that this Paragraph represents factual allegations couched as legal theories, the Baltimore Police Department admits that it is a public entity, and denies the balance of all other factual allegations. No answer is required as to any legal theory.
7. Denied.
8. Denied.
9. At this time, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of Plaintiff's averment.
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12. At this time, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of Plaintiff's averment.
13. Denied.
14. Denied.
15. Denied.
16. At this time, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of Plaintiff's averment.
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26. At this time, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of Plaintiff's averment.
27. Denied as to Plaintiff's factual allegations; Answering Defendants believe and therefore answer that no answer is

required as to Plaintiff's prayer for damages and other relief. However, should it be determined an answer is required, same is specifically denied.

28. Denied.

29. To the extent that this Paragraph represents factual allegations couched as legal theories, each factual allegation contained therein is denied and no answer is required as to any legal theory; to the extent that this paragraph represents a prayer for relief, no answer is required.

30. To the extent that this Paragraph represents factual allegations couched as legal theories, each factual allegation contained therein is denied and no answer is required as to any legal theory; to the extent that this paragraph represents a prayer for relief, no answer is required.

31. To the extent that this Paragraph represents factual allegations couched as a prayer, each factual allegation contained therein is denied and no answer is required to the extent that this paragraph represents a prayer for relief.

32. Denied as to Plaintiff's factual allegations; Answering Defendants believe and therefore answer that no answer is required as to Plaintiff's prayer for damages and other relief. However, should it be determined an answer is required, same is specifically denied.

33. To the extent that this Paragraph represents factual allegations couched as legal theories, each factual allegation contained therein is denied and no answer is required as to any legal theory; to the extent that this paragraph represents a prayer for relief, no answer is required.
34. To the extent that this Paragraph represents factual allegations couched as legal theories, each factual allegation contained therein is denied and no answer is required as to any legal theory; to the extent that this paragraph represents a prayer for relief, no answer is required.
35. Denied as to Plaintiff's factual allegations; Answering Defendants believe and therefore answer that no answer is required as to Plaintiff's prayer for damages and other relief. However, should it be determined an answer is required, same is specifically denied.
36. Denied.
37. Admitted to the extent that Defendant Martin is employed as a detective for the Baltimore Police Department; denied as to any allegation that raises an inference that Defendant Martin's actions, if proven to be improper towards Plaintiff, were committed while acting within the scope of his employment with the Baltimore Police Department.

38. To the extent that this Paragraph represents factual allegations couched as legal theories, each factual allegation contained therein is denied and no answer is required as to any legal theory.
39. Denied as to Plaintiff's factual allegations; Answering Defendants believe and therefore answer that no answer is required as to Plaintiff's prayer for damages and other relief. However, should it be determined an answer is required, same is specifically denied.
40. Denied. No answer is required as to Plaintiff's prayer for damages and other relief. However, should it be determined an answer is required, same is specifically denied.
41. Denied as to Plaintiff's factual allegations; Answering Defendants believe and therefore answer that no answer is required as to Plaintiff's prayer for damages and other relief. However, should it be determined an answer is required, same is specifically denied.
42. Denied.
43. Denied.
44. To the extent that this Paragraph represents factual allegations couched as legal theories, each factual allegation contained therein is denied and no answer is required as to any legal theory.

45. Denied as to Plaintiff's factual allegations; Answering Defendants believe and therefore answer that no answer is required as to Plaintiff's prayer for damages and other relief. However, should it be determined an answer is required, same is specifically denied.

46. Denied. No answer is required as to Plaintiff's prayer for damages and other relief. However, should it be determined an answer is required, same is specifically denied.

**First Affirmative Defense**

Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

**Second Affirmative Defense**

Plaintiff's Complaint contains claims that are barred by the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity.

**Third Affirmative Defense**

Plaintiff failed to comply with the Local Government Tort Claims Act, MD. CODE ANN., CTS. & JUD. PROC. ART. § 5-301 et seq.

**Fourth Affirmative Defense**

The Plaintiff failed to exhaust administrative remedies.

**Fifth Affirmative Defense**

The Plaintiff's Complaint contains claims that are time barred under the applicable Statute of Limitations and the like.



**Sixth Affirmative Defense**

The Plaintiff's alleged injuries, even if true, were not caused by a municipal policy or custom.

**Seventh Affirmative Defense**

Plaintiff's Complaint contains claims that are barred by the defense of good faith and probable cause.

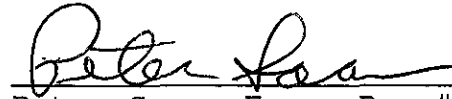
**Eighth Affirmative Defense**

Some if not all of the Answering Defendants enjoy qualified immunity or other forms of immunity from suit.

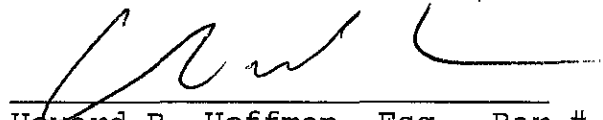
**Ninth Affirmative Defense**

Plaintiff's Complaint contains claims that, if proven to be true, were performed contrary to the policy or custom of the Baltimore Police Department, and were taken outside the scope of employment.

Respectfully submitted,



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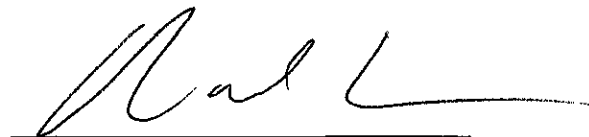
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003, a copy of Defendants Answer was filed in accordance with the Electronic Filing Requirements and Procedures as established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, with a paper copy sent via U.S. regular mail, postage paid, to the following:

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